



Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge 2009 Calendar of Events



March 28 Annual Owl Prowl. Sponsored by the Kent County Bird Club. Search for owls on the refuge after an introduction to local owl species and their calls. Program begins at the Visitor Center. Call Michele at 410-639-7056 ext. 222 for reservations. Space is limited. 7-10 pm.



April 18 Earth Day Spring Shoreline Clean-up. Help keep your refuge clean! Bags and gloves provided. Just bring water and a snack. Meet at the Visitor Center. 12-4 pm.

18 Bay Day at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. The Friends of Eastern Neck (FOEN) will have a booth at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's 3rd annual Bay Day, a celebration of the Chesapeake with music, food and waterfront activities. 10am – 5 pm.

25 Youth Turkey Hunt. Guides from the National Wild Turkey Federation will introduce youths to hunting and share tips and techniques for a safe, high-quality hunt. Youths ages 10 through 15 can apply. Visit <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/easternneck> for application form. Applications are due in the refuge office by 4:00 pm April 9, 2009. Please note that the refuge will be closed south of the gate until 12:00 pm to accommodate the hunt.



25 Earth Day at Wilmer Park, Chestertown. Earth Day Festival & Mutt Strut with CES and Kent County Humane Society. Stop by the FOEN booth, listen to music, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy the eco-friendly exhibits on ecology, stewardship, and sustainability. 10 am – 4 pm.

26 Tour of Grasslands and Bird-banding Station at Chino Farms. Explore the grasslands and bird-banding station at Chino Farms, located on the Chester River about 5 miles south of Crumpton, with Center for Environment & Society (CES) staff Carl Gallegos. Register by April 22 with jfairchild2@washcoll.edu or call 410.778.7295. Bring your own binoculars!

28 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Calling all volunteers! Join us for a delicious potluck dinner at the Lodge as we recognize the wonderful contributions refuge volunteers and Friends members have made to Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge and our local community. 6-8 pm.

May 5 Bird Walk at Eastern Neck NWR. Bird watching and nature walk with Dr. Doug Gill, biologist at University of Maryland, College Park. Followed by brunch. Call 410.810.7488 or email Mark Wiest at mwiest2@washcoll.edu to make a reservation. 8-11 am.



9 Youth Turkey Hunt. See listing above on April 25.

16 Chestertown Farmer's Market. Welcome back the fresh, wholesome foods we all love. Stop by the FOEN/CES booth to learn about oyster restoration. 7-11 am.

June 13 Annual Youth Fishing Derby. Youths 15 and under can participate in this fishing event, complete with prizes, educational programs, food and more! Bring your rod and reel and see what you can catch! A limited supply of rods and reels will also be available for use. Meet at the Headquarters Pond. 9 am to 12 pm.

20 Summer Solstice Kayak Trip. Join FOEN and CES staff for an evening kayak trip in celebration of the longest day of the year. We'll discuss the natural history of the island as well as the current ecological restoration projects underway at Eastern Neck NWR. Kayaks and dinner provided! Reservations necessary. Contact CES Program Manager Mark Wiest by June 18th at mwiest2@washcoll.edu or 410.810.7488. Picnic at 5:30 p.m., launch kayaks at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

